

ton Duke, of Durham; L. E. Pridgen, of Greene County; C. H. Belvin, of Raleigh. The legacy largest in amount was made by Brother James Bradley, of California, a former North Carolinian. He gave an interest in some property in Minneapolis, Minn., which, when finally sold, netted the institution about \$6,000.

When Brother Lawrence, whose service to the cause was really great, retired from the management of the institution in July, 1898, Col. W. J. Hicks, of Raleigh, the choice of the Board for the Superintendency, took up the work.

At this time, the Directors most wisely created the office of Lady Supervisor, and placed in this office Miss Nettie N. Bemis, an energetic and a capable worker. Among her many responsible duties is the supervision of the school work and of the domestic or household duties of the girls. A good woman in this position performs a service which a man could not perform.

During the present administration, that of Col. Hicks, the worth of which can perhaps, be better measured in the coming years, the business organization has been improved, the school work has been more thoroughly organized and has been made more efficient. The girls' cottages, the movement for the building of which began under Brother Lawrence's administration, have been constructed and occupied. The wood-working shop has been removed from its location some distance from the grounds to a convenient site near the boys' cottages, into a brick

building erected for it mostly out of material from the boys' old building. Not far from the wood-shop two brick buildings have been erected for the laundry and sewing rooms and the printing office and shoe-shop. A deep well has been bored and the water and sewerage system has been improved. The industrial departments of the institution have been centralized, both for convenience, thoroughness of supervision and economy. Rooms for the Superintendent have been fitted up in the Saint John's College building and his former home has been converted into a convenient hospital. An office or administration building is now nearing completion.

These and minor improvements have, certainly, increased the possibilities of the institution for a high grade of work.

From 1872 when the Orphanage was established to 1909 the number of affiliate Master Masons in the State has grown from only a few thousand to about 19,000. The number of children in the Oxford Orphan Asylum has grown to 325, and since 1872, according to records, fully 2,500 girls and boys have received the care of the Orphanage. Many of these are useful, Christian citizens.

Of the atmosphere, the spirit of the place, a matter of such vital importance, I cannot and shall not attempt to write with definiteness. Suffice it to say that we have abundant reason to believe that God is in the work, that He has a